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## **SRS to Host Tours for General Public**

Aiken, S.C., (January 26, 2009) —The Savannah River Site is once again opening its gates for a limited number of tours for the general public.

On a trial basis, six open public tours will be conducted in March for 300 individuals. Tour participation is on a first-come, first-served basis through online registration only. Participants are allowed to request up to two tour slots for their party and will only be allowed to participate in one tour in a calendar year. Two tours will be offered each day on March 5, 11 and 24. Morning tours will include a drive-by of Ellenton and afternoon tours will include a drive-by of Dunbarton, two of six towns and several small communities that had to be relocated to make way for the Savannah River Site.

“DOE has one of the richest, most diverse histories in the federal government,” said Jeff Allison, Manager of DOE Savannah River. “We want to give interested public a look ‘inside the fence’ at the important work of SRS as part of the Cold War effort, our current efforts and what we hope to do in the future.”

“We are very excited about this pilot program and hope to be able to offer more tours in the fall,” said Chuck Munns, President and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, the Site’s management and operating contractor. “We have a robust tour program; however, it’s been limited to mission-related tours for nearly a decade now. It’s time to welcome back members of the general public and give them a glimpse of this national asset and its significant historical contributions.”

Tours will last about three hours and will begin and end at the Aiken County Center for Hydrogen Research campus near the Site. Tour participants must be U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old, have valid photo identification (required on the day of the tour), and provide their full name (as stated on their photo identification) and birth date. Participants will be required to provide their Social Security number on the day of the tour and security checks will be conducted prior to each tour.

For more information or to register for a tour, visit [www.srs.gov](http://www.srs.gov) and click on “About SRS” for the SRS Tour Program or use the direct link to <http://www5.hanford.gov/srstours/>.

The Savannah River Site is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy. The management and operating contractor is Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

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